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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's
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document so listed is enclosed.

- GB 2 151 874
- JP 3-74961
- JP 8-204919
- JP 8-88728
- JP 2000-101803

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent
application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search
Report, which is dated May 27, 2002, is enclosed.

In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

English-language abstracts for the Japanese documents cited in the European Search Report are enclosed. Also, the Examiner is directed to the European Search Report for a concise explanation of relevance for each of the documents listed above.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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2 151 874	7/85	Great Britain			
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	EP Search Report dated 5/27/02

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